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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Several of them are awaiting improvements and extensions."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Public Health was pleased to say that he would provincialize the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Gingeee if I came forward with the offer of a ward. I can assure the Hon. Minister that I will give him a ward with 12 beds. Will the Government come forward to provincialize this Hospital, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This question will have to be considered in the future."

Leasing out of waste lands in Malabar

* 1038 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Collector of Malabar has taken any step in 1954 under section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act to lease out waste lands; and

(*b*) if so, the extent of lands so leased?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Some applications received recently from the intending cultivators are under enquiry by the concerned Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 *RE* INSECURITY TO LIFE AND PROPERTY IN CERTAIN VILLAGES OF SOUTH KANARA.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House will remember that the hon. Member Dr. Menon has given notice of a motion under rule 40."

* DR. K. B. MENON :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the grave disturbances that are reported from the three villages of Walur, Pananthoddy and Kodoth appear to have arisen out of the defamation suit that was filed against the ' Desabimani ', a Communist paper, by an erstwhile sympathiser of the Communist party.

9-20 a.m. " The disturbances that started on 1st January with the burning of a house in Walur subsequently took larger proportions and on the 3rd, seven shops were burnt and only one shop was left without being burnt. That is certainly a very suspicious matter. As a result of these disturbances, section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, was promulgated and I think it was withdrawn on the 18th. In the meanwhile, there were attempts to defy section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, also. There was also one murder which took place in one of the villages where one man was beaten to death. I am afraid that there was considerable neglect on the part of the authorities of that district. The Collector appears to have been timid and has not been acting properly and promptly.